GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF IMPORT OF GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of consumer goods has been constantly increasing in the country during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the value of these goods imported during this period, year-wise;

(c) the value of capital goods and industrial raw material imported during the corresponding period year-wise alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the overall assessment of the Government on the impact of the above imports on the economy?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 230 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7th MARCH, 2006 REGARDING IMPACT OF IMPORT OF GOODS

(a) & (b) :The details of import of consumer goods and capital goods during the last three years and thereafter are given below:

Value in Rs. Crore

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	April 2005-September 2005
Consumer goods#	6253.9	9005.2	8436.3	6416.0
Capital goods$	24829.4	31857.5	41880.6	24469.4
Other imports#	266122.5	318245.0	440214.8	255473.4

includes industrial raw material
$Chapter 84 (which primarily relates to capital goods) of the ITC(HS) Classification of Imports and Exports

(c) : The value of industrial raw materials imported can not be given separately as many consumer goods are used as raw material by some industries and consumed as final products by some others.

(d) : The overall trend of import of consumer goods as well as capital goods has shown healthy growth. Export has also increased by 21% and 26% in terms of US $ during 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively over the previous year. The increasing trend of investment as a proportion of GDP (at current prices) is manifested by the increasing import of capital goods. Foreign trade regime has ensured access to imports which are essential for meeting the requirements of consumption, growth and development.